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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Scott Bogan, Coordinator of Educator Preparation

DATE: November 21, 2016

SUBJECT: New Transition to Teaching Program Proposal from Goodwill Education Initiatives

Goodwill Education Initiatives (GEI) has developed a transition to teaching program designed for P-12 Exceptional Needs – Mild Intervention licensure. The purpose of the program is to address the needs of schools seeking high quality special education educators.

A Transition to Teaching program is the only option allowed by statute (IC 20-28-4-4) and by rule through which an entity other than an institution of higher education may offer a program for educator licensure. 511 IAC 10.1-3-7, Sec. 7, (a) states that “a department-approved transition to teaching program offered by an institution of higher education may offer the course of study as either undergraduate or graduate level. A Department-approved program offered by an entity other than an institution of higher education may offer a noncredit hour based certificate.”

If approved, this program will be the first of its kind in Indiana. Like any other educator preparation program in Indiana, however, GEI will be required to meet the requirements of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and adhere to state-educator standards and expectations, including the state standards and benchmarks as required under 511 IAC 20-1. GEI program sponsors are aware of these requirements.

The IDOE recommends the board approve the following program for three (3) years:

Goodwill Education Initiatives - P-12 Transition to Teaching – Exceptional Needs Mild Intervention

Beginning spring 2018 the Department will conduct an annual review of this program and will recommend renewal or nonrenewal after the third review.